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*Loan (RUS Loan)* means any loan made or guaranteed by RUS. See 7 CFR part 1735.

*Loan Documents* means the loan contract, note and mortgage between the borrower and RUS and any associated document pertinent to a loan.

*Loan Funds (RUS Loan Funds)* means funds provided by RUS through direct or guaranteed loans.

*Private lender* means any lender other than the Rural Utilities Service, the Rural Telephone Bank or the Federal Financing Bank.

*RUS cost-of-money loan* means a loan made under section 305(d)(2) of the RE Act bearing an interest rate as determined under 7 CFR 1735.31(c). RUS cost-of-money loans are made concurrently with RTB loans.

*RTB* means the Rural Telephone Bank.

*Subordination* means granting a lien which a private lender has on specific property priority over the Government's lien on such property.

*Telecommunication services* means any service for the transmission, emission, or reception of signals, sounds, images, or intelligence of any nature by optical waveguide, wire, radio, or other electromagnetic systems and shall include all facilities used in providing such service as well as the development, manufacture, sale, and distribution of such facilities.

[51 FR 32430, Sept. 12, 1986. Redesignated at 55 FR 39396, Sept. 27, 1990. Further redesignated and amended at 59 FR 43716, Aug. 25, 1994]

## §§ 1744.22–1744.29 [Reserved]

### § 1744.30 Act purposes.

(a) Borrowers are encouraged to submit requests for accommodation of the Government's lien on the borrower's system in order to facilitate obtaining financing from private lenders for purposes provided in the RE Act.

(b) The Administrator will consider requests for the subordination of the Government's lien on after-acquired property which will enable borrowers to obtain financing from private lenders for purposes provided in the Act: Provided, however, that property integral to the operation of projects financed with loans made or guaranteed

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by RUS shall be financed with funds obtained through lien accommodations instead of lien subordinations, unless the Administrator determines that it is in the Government's interest to do otherwise.

## §§ 1744.31–1744.39 [Reserved]

### § 1744.40 Non-Act purposes.

(a) The Administrator will consider requests for the accommodation of the Government's lien on the borrower's system or the subordination of the Government's lien on after-acquired property which will enable the borrowers to obtain financing from private lenders for the purpose of providing new telecommunication services which may not be eligible for financing under the Act if the Administrator is satisfied that:

(1) The borrower will have the ability to repay its existing and proposed indebtedness;

(2) The security for outstanding Government loans and guarantees is reasonably adequate and will not be adversely affected by the accommodation or subordination; and

(3) Approval of the request is in the interests of the Government. Generally, it would not be in the Government's interest if the accommodation or subordination is being requested to enable the borrower to avoid complying with such RUS policies or procedures, as competitive bid procedures or purchasing equipment acceptable to RUS, under 7 CFR part 1753.

(b) In determining that the security for outstanding Government loans and guarantees is reasonably adequate and will not be adversely affected by the accommodation or subordination the Administrator will consider, among other matters, when applicable, the following:

(1) Market forecasts for the project;

(2) Projected revenues, expenses and net income of the borrower's existing system and the project;

(3) Maximum debt service on indebtedness of both the borrower's system and the project;

(4) Projected rate of return on the borrower's investment in the project;

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(5) Fair market value of property acquired by the borrower as part of the project;

(6) Impact of the project on the ratio of the borrower's secured debt to assets;

(7) Projected growth in borrower's system and project equity; and

(8) Amount of funds available for plant additions, replacements and other similar costs of the system and the project.

(c) In determining whether the accommodation or subordination is in the interests of the Government, the Administrator may consider, among other matters, whether the project will improve the borrower's financial strength and the assurance of repayment of Government debt.

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### §§ 1744.41–1744.49 [Reserved]

#### § 1744.50 Application procedures.

(a) Requests for information regarding applications for lien accommodations or subordination under this part should be addressed to the Assistant Administrator—Telephone Rural Utilities Service, Washington, DC 20250–1500.

(b) An application for a lien accommodation or subordination shall include the following supporting information:

(1) A board Resolution from the applicant requesting the lien accommodation or subordination and stating the general purpose for which the funds from the private lender will be used, the proposed amount of the loan, and the proposed terms and conditions of the loan;

(2) An opinion from counsel representing the applicant that the applicant has the authority under its articles of incorporation, bylaws, and under applicable state law to undertake the project;

(3) Engineering and pertinent studies related to the projects or purposes to be financed, when applicable;

(4) Feasibility studies with pro forma financial statements showing the ability to repay the loan and provide an appropriate margin or net income;

(5) Such information regarding the environmental impacts of the project as may be required pursuant to 7 CFR part 1794; and

(6) Any other information or documentation deemed pertinent by the borrower or the Administrator in support of the application.

(c) When the Administrator makes a determination that an application for an accommodation or subordination will not be approved the Administrator shall set forth the reasons therefor in writing and furnish such determination and reasons to the borrower within 30 days of the determination.

### §§ 1744.51–1744.59 [Reserved]

## Subpart C—Advance and Disbursement of Funds

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#### § 1744.60 General.

(a) The standard loan documents (as defined in 7 CFR part 1758) contain provisions regarding advances and disbursements of loan funds by telephone borrowers. This part implements certain of the provisions by setting forth requirements and procedures to be followed by borrowers in obtaining advances and making disbursements of loan and nonloan funds.

(b) This part supersedes any sections of RUS Bulletins with which it is in conflict.

### § 1744.61 [Reserved]

#### § 1744.62 Introduction.

RUS is under no obligation to make or approve advances of loan funds unless the borrower is in compliance with all terms and conditions of the loan documents. The borrower shall use funds in its construction fund only to make disbursements approved by RUS.

#### § 1744.63 The telephone loan budget.

When the loan is made, RUS provides the borrower a Telephone Loan Budget, RUS Form 493. This budget divides the loan into budget accounts such as “Engineering.” When a contract or other document is approved by RUS, funds